

CITY REGISTRARS WILL DRAFT 8750

Board Ready to Pick Fighters Under U. S. Direction

STATE MUST GIVE \$8,000

Voters' Lists Will Be Used, but Nonvoters Will Not Escape

Philadelphia's share of the first 500,000 soldiers which the nation is to raise by selective draft is 8750; that of Pennsylvania, \$8,000.

This was determined today, as tentative plans for the draft were discussed by registration officials. The quota of fighting men is exclusive of the volunteers which the city will be called upon to furnish to bring the regular army and State's National Guard up to war strength.

The registration of Philadelphia men of the military age to be fixed by Congress will be conducted by the Board of Registration Commissioners, appointed by the Governor. Frederick J. Shoyer is chairman of the board, the other members being Albert H. Ladner, Jr., secretary, and George G. Pifer and William A. Carr.

Within one month after the enactment of the selective draft bill, according to the plans of the War Department, the registration of men between the age of twenty-one years and the maximum age to be decided by Congress will begin throughout the city. This probably will be about June 1.

MANY NOT LISTED

The regular registration machinery used to classify voters for elections will be used in the 1237 division polling places to classify fighting men and workers for the war. This probably will be augmented by supervision by Federal authorities.

A national registration day was advanced today by several officials, who pointed out that many men eligible for military service are not listed with registrars.

Philadelphia's full registration is 303,923 men, according to E. J. Cattell, city statistician. Based on population, there are 307,705 men between eighteen and forty years old in the city.

However, since last October, when the registration lists were compiled, about 13,000 young men have become of age, it is estimated. The total number of names of eligible men not on the lists is estimated at about 40,000.

Because the registration lists in the various divisions are not complete, officials were strongly in favor of augmenting these lists by a new registration designed to obtain the names of men now not enrolled among the voters. The present lists, it was pointed out, afford a good basis of operation, not only because they contain the names of nearly all men above the minimum age limit for the conscript army, but because they give the occupations of the men, an important feature in selective conscription. But the names of men on the lists it was held, makes it unfair to select the fighters from them alone. Neither was it deemed advisable to disregard the voting registration lists in gathering the data because of the possibility that there are "slackers" willing to vote but not willing to bear arms.

MAY COMBINE METHODS

A combination of the voting lists and of data obtained by a fresh registration would be the fairest means of picking the fighters, it was said.

"If a national registration day is fixed, it would be a wise precaution to have the work supervised by the authority of the United States Marshal to enforce obedience to the rules of the registration," said Harry Stone, chief clerk of the County Commissioners.

The registration in each voting division could be completed in one day, it was estimated. As soon as the lists are compiled, 8750 names will be drawn from the total by the "jury wheel" system. Local committees will pass on the fitness of men for army service, "weeding out" those physically unfit or whose work is of such a nature that it is an essential part of the military service. A fresh drawing then will fill up the gaps made by the exemptions.

PLAN OF GREEN CROSS INDORSED AS WAR AID

Soldiers of the Soil Gain Recognition for Providing Nation's Food Supply

Hundreds of tillers of the soil in Philadelphia have indorsed the proposed Green Cross, a symbol of the army of garden and farm workers throughout the country.

Although the suggestion for such an organization was made by Miss Helga Barford, of Merion, just a few days ago, a large number of home gardeners already have signified their intention of joining the army which will be composed of soldiers of the soil.

Officials of numerous agricultural organizations together with school workers who know the beneficial results of out-door work, have agreed to co-operate in every way toward making the Green Cross a victorious army which shall battle for the production of food.

Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, has been asked to approve the plan and many believe that he will consider it favorably.

Among others who indorsed the proposed organization today was Miss Clarissa Smith, manager of the Farm Service Department of the Bureau of Occupation for Trained Women.

Miss Smith already has registered thousands of women for farm work this summer. Many of the present men, by possessing scientific agricultural knowledge, are practical farmers as well, and a large number of those engaged have already proved their worth.

"The proposed Green Cross," said Miss Smith, "meets my hearty approval. It will be a fitting insignia for the organizations in such work and will serve to keep the subject thoroughly before the public. Too much stress cannot be laid on the subject of food production at this time. The people now realize that it has been greatly neglected in the past. The fact that the women of the country are taking such sincere interest in agricultural work augurs well for the future. I will be glad to operate in any way toward making the Green Cross a success."

Representatives of several other organizations spoke along similar lines. Arrangements are being made by those interested in the formation of the organization to have an informal conference in this city during the present week, at which a temporary committee will be appointed to launch the movement on broad lines.

POLISH CATHOLIC PRIEST DIES

Father Thomas Grembowski, of Mahanoy City, Succumbs

The Rev. Thomas Grembowski, pastor of St. Casimir's Polish Catholic Church, of Mahanoy City, known to many Catholics in this city, died at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital yesterday following an operation for cancer. He was fifty-six years old.

Father Grembowski was ordained a priest thirty-two years ago and served parishes in various parts of the diocese.

ARMY DRAFT AGES TO BE SET BY HOUSE AND SENATE CONFEREES

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he is going to the front, should go with an army commission, but without authority to raise an army of his own of varying ages and military fitness. This, it is maintained by opponents of the Roosevelt idea, would permit exactly the deficiency which Congress ought to get away from in favor of conscription.

Chairman Dext said today that he did not believe it would require more than two days to adjust Senate and House differences in conference. This means that the bill will be ready for the President's approval by the middle of the week and in full operation before its close.

Three amendments adopted in the House probably will survive the conference. These are the Good-Austin amendment, increasing the pay of enlisted men of the army from \$15 to \$20 during the war; the Lever

amendment, specifying persons engaged in agriculture as among those whom the President may exempt from military duty; and the Hayden amendment, which bans payment of bounties or the furnishing of substitutes to evade military service under selection.

LONDON, April 30.—Enthusiastic approval of the indorsement of army selection by the American Congress was universally voiced by the London newspapers today. They declared belief that the draft would enable the United States to avoid many of the mistakes made by Great Britain.

Comment of the Pall Mall Gazette was typical. It said:

"Passage of conscription legislation by Congress shows an intention to profit by our mistakes. Our new ally will not see the time when it wasted effort will be blocked by postponement of the inevitable."

JERSEY MANUFACTURERS TO LIST EMPLOYES WHO CAN WORK FARMS

TRENTON, April 30.

In a letter addressed to the manufacturers of the State, issued today by the executive department at the instance of Governor Edge, the manufacturers are asked to canvass their employees and list on a form inclosed the number of men who formerly worked on farms and who can be spared for agricultural work.

The Governor says that under the authority vested in him by a law passed by a recent Legislature he has called upon the people of the State, through the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Development, Education and Labor, the New Jersey Committee on Public Safety and the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, to assist in increasing the production of farm products.

It is stated that there are more than 100,000 acres of tillable land in New Jersey today suitable for raising corn or beans or potatoes, but which will not be planted unless experienced farmhands can be secured there necessary.

The Department of Education, it is shown, is mobilizing the high-school students to do farm work. The Department of Labor, through the Federal State Employment Bureau, is directing all unemployed toward the farms; but those employed on farms and who are not sufficient to meet the emergency.

"Many men who originally worked on farms, as a result of the war, have left the plants," says the governor in his letter to the manufacturers, "and if these men can be available, temporarily, when farm labor is needed, the entire productive area of New Jersey will be cultivated."

"Will you help in carrying out this plan by canvassing your own employees and listing on the inclosed form the number of men you can spare and when they will be available? The planting season is now here; immediate action is imperative."

British Demand Naval Changes

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the facts. They were facts the publication of which the War Office had refused to permit. They showed the people that the one main reason for the tremendous losses of British forces early in the war was lack of adequate ammunition and supplies.

Through showing this need a reorganization of the war-making department was achieved by force of public opinion.

The Daily Mail today printed the following attack on the Admiralty:

It is not the assurance that the best Britons in the Admiralty are busy with the submarine problem that the nation looks for and means to have. We insist upon results. We are tired of hearing grown-up men in gold braid repeating the parrot cry that there is no sovereign cure for submarines.

There was no sovereign cure for Zeppelin raids until our airmen were sent up to fight the Zeppelins. There is sovereign cure for everything in war, but it is helpless if the high command is feeble.

It needed violent press agitation and much newspaper burning to string the War Office into life two years ago, and the nation has seen the result on the western front in the last few months. Apparently the same process must be applied to the Admiralty.

Games at Gloucester

GLoucester, N. J., April 30.—The Alpha team, which was defeated by the Beta team, 3 to 0, in a game at Gloucester, N. J., on Saturday, was defeated by the Gamma team, 3 to 0, in a game at Gloucester, N. J., on Sunday.

GEN. PETAIN NEW CHIEF OF FRENCH ARMY STAFF

Revival of Old Post May Mean Supplanting of Nivelle

PARIS, April 30.—General Petain, who commanded the French army defending Verdun during the critical stages of the battle in February and March, 1916, is to be appointed chief of staff at the Ministry of War.

The cabinet meeting was presided over by President Poincare and was held after a session of the War Committee. After a general discussion it was determined to restore the post of chief of staff at the Ministry of War and confide the post to General Petain.

The recent French offensive will be the subject of an interpretation of the Government by Deputy Dalbiez, it has been learned. The cabinet already has deliberated upon this subject.

Premier Ribot conferred individually with some of his colleagues, and had a long interview with President Poincare. Premier had an interview with General Nivelle, the French commander.

The revival of the post of chief of staff may mean in effect that General Petain has supplanted General Nivelle in command of the French army. In the past under the French system the chief of staff became automatically supreme commander in time of war. General Joffre was chief of staff at the War Office as well as commander-in-chief in the field.

Employees Get Land for Gardens

LEWISBURG, Pa., April 30.—Harry Partridge, of New York city, president of the Lewisburg Chair Company, has rented ten acres of fertile farm land adjacent to the factory for the use of his employees in growing garden truck. Mr. Partridge has had the land plowed and fertilized and will furnish seed.

IL GEN. PETAIN DIVENTA CAPO DIS. M. FRANCESE

Avra' Poteri Supremi e Dirigerà la Guerra sugli Scacchieri Francesi e Belgi

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Le Batterie Austriache e gli Aeroplani Attivissimi nel Trentino e sul Carso

PARIGI, 30 Aprile.

Un dispaccio da Roma dice che una missione italiana e' partita dall'Italia alla volta degli Stati Uniti per prendere parte al consiglio di guerra che e' in corso a Washington.

ROMA, 30 Aprile.

Un telegramma da Parigi dice che il generale Petain, il quale comanda l'armata di Verdun nel due mesi piu' critici dell'offensiva tedesca in quella regione, e' stato nominato capo dello Stato Maggiore francese. La decisione fu presa ieri dal consiglio dei ministri, ma si sapeva da qualche giorno che si pensava seriamente di lasciare un ufficio di capo di Stato Maggiore per l'esercito francese. Finora le funzioni di capo dello Stato Maggiore erano andate insieme con quelle di comandante delle armate francesi del nord-est e del nord.

Il generale Petain avra' poteri supremi in fatto di dirigenza in guerra, ed il generale Nivelle, che comanda le armate del nord e del nord-est, sara' sotto i suoi ordini. Anche il generale Haig si trovera' in pratica sotto gli ordini di Petain, giacche' al capo dello Stato Maggiore francese e' virtualmente affidata la direzione della guerra contro la Germania.

La ragione della insustituzione dell'ufficio di capo di Stato Maggiore nell'esercito francese deve ricercarsi in critiche recenti fatte alla maniera come e' stata diretta l'offensiva francese contro la linea tedesca del St. Quentin in Austria. Sembra che non si e' ottenuto dall'offensiva tutto quello che si poteva ottenere. Il generale Petain, a cui era stato offerto il posto lasciato vacante da Joffre nel dicembre scorso, volle del resto dimostrarlo. Egli declino' ancora e dichiaro' che avrebbe accettato soltanto a condizione di avere piu' larghi poteri che non ebbe Joffre. Si crede che il generale Nivelle ritenesse il comando delle armate del nord e del nord-est, anche considerando il fatto che egli fu nominato in seguito suggerimento di Petain.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna sulla situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

Gli aviatori nemici sono stati continuamente attivi nella giornata di ieri sulla fronte dal Lago di Garda alla valle del Brennero. Essi hanno lasciato cadere bombe su Ala e su Fiera di Primiero, senza pero' riuscire a causare danni. Sull'altopiano di Asiago si e' avuta piu' intensa azione di artiglieria. Alla testata della valle del Comelico, a nord-est del passo di Croco, noi abbiamo

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DOCTORS DISCUSS CANCER SYMPTOMS

Experts in Treatment of Dread Disease in Session at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, April 30. Many things which are entirely new in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and other malignant foes of the physical welfare of mankind are being discussed today before the twentieth annual convention of the American Gastroenterological Association at the Hotel Traymore. Specialists from many cities, Philadelphia among them, are in attendance. No part of today's session was given over to war problems; it being held that the fight which the surgical antagonists of cancer are prosecuting along a firing line of their own is sufficiently serious to engage their entire attention until there is a pressing demand for their services elsewhere.

William Gerry Morgan, of Washington, in the president's annual address, discussed the progress in "substantial progress" achieved during the last year.

Dr. J. C. Johnson, of Atlanta, declared the latest evidence obtainable supports the view that ulcer is the result of an association of causes.

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